First steps taken to establish global green building standards. - Glancey is impressed with the new generation of Chinese architects - and takes a cold stroll through Thames Town (he is not amused). - Dyckhoff finds out why HildeM take an anti-Spielberg stance to working in China: "It would be arrogant not to engage" (guess which one is "the politician, with his shaved skull and sunken, unsmiling cheeks" and which is "a bit tortured, introverted, with mad, wily hair"). - Going green can be a hard sell in India, but one architect has figured out how. - Depending on who you talk to, a massive canal project in South Korea will be a new source of income: "tourists sailing down a waterway blasted though the hills" or "set off an environmental catastrophe." - Thumbs-up/thumbs-down for new niche in the tourism biz: slam visits. - An extreme home makeover TV show in Kenya to illustrate how practical improvements can benefit poor farming families. - Modernism's leaky roof: "the cold heart of modern architecture has broken down" (so just move your chair). - Can the anti-McMansion movement fatten architects' wallets? - Historic preservation in Denver "seems to be gasping for air," and Chandler wants to know why. - A building in the Bronx on the verge of a "transformation that urban planners dream of" (but not such good news for those already there). - Russell talks to not-quite-yet-post-Guggenheim Krens. - Foster's next Abu Dhabi adventure will be "voluptuous" and "swathed in a skin of shimmering stripes." - Big ideas for Cleveland museum expansion (but Mercedes-Benz vision being trimmed back to a Cadillac or even Ford). - Heathcote is impressed with Brit Insurance Design Awards (shortlist). - Glancey pays tribute to Pawley. -- Call for entries: Crystal Vision International Design Competition. - Hume ponders how nature makes fools of architects in Toronto, born out by high winds vs. a RIBA Award-winning building in Liverpool.

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Guggenheim’s Krebs Eyes Hudson Yards Museum, Seeks New Bilbaos: He would like to do what he calls the antithesis of Bilbao at Hudson Yards...will continue to spearhead the Guggenheim's largest branch so far, in Abu Dhabi. By James S. Russell -- Frank Gehry- Bloomberg News

Foster + Partners unveils Abu Dhabi world trade centre: ...sustainable design in a new waterfront city. The building’s voluptuous outline appears swathed in a skin of shimmering stripes that are actually a reactive louvered shading system angled to minimise solar gain. [image] - Building (UK)

Cleveland Museum of Natural History shows early expansion concepts by Fentress Architects: ...will aim for a LEED Platinum rating...."We’ve got big ideas"...Now the priority is “trimming sails and becoming realistic.” By Steven Litt [images] - Cleveland Plain Dealer

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Nature makes fools of architects: ...Libeskind’s addition to the Royal Ontario Museum [ROM], the Michael Lee-Chin Crystal, Turns out its precariously angled aluminum and glass facades are the ideal icicle machine...Dozens of office towers downtown...must regularly put up signs warning pedestrians of falling ice. By Christopher Hume- Toronto Star

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